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FM USMISSION IAEA VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4477

INFO AEC GERMANTOWN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA PRIORITY

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: IAEA TECH

SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO IAEA/SOUTH AFRICA/U.S. TRI-

LATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

REF : STATE A-3613

1. RE SUBJECT AMENDMENT, SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY, AS OF MAY 30, UNFORTUNATELY HAD NOT RPT NOT YET RECEIVED GREEN LIGHT ON TEXT FROM PRETORIA. SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY REP KUHN THOROUGHLY APPRECIATES NEED FOR PROMPT ACTION, IN ORDER THAT AGENCY MAY ISSUE BOARD OF GOVERNORS DOCUMENT SOONEST FOR CONSIDERATION BY BOARD AT ITS SESSIONS BEGINNING JUNE 11, AND HE HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN TRYING TO EXPEDITE MATTER, DESPITE SHORT TIME ALLOWD FOR REVIEW OF TEXT OF AMENDMENT. HE REPORTS THAT LATEST FOLLOW-UP CABLE SENT MAY 29, AND HE HOPES RECEIVE RESPONSE SHORTLY.

2. PROBLEM NOW IS THAT WITH SOUTH AFRICAN HOLIDAY TODAY AND LOCAL HOLIDAY MONDAY, EARLIEST TIME WE CAN EXPECT RESPONSE IS TUESDAY, JUNE 4, WITH RESULT THAT LATE ISSUANCE OF BG DOCUMENT NOW APPEARS UNAVOIDABLE, IF, IN FACT, SECRETARIAT WILL BE WILLING TO ISSUE IT AT ALL, IN VIEW OF CRITICISM BY SOME

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GOVERNORS IN PAST RE LATE ISSUANCE OF BG DOCUMENTS.

3. WE INTEND TO USE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO CONTINUE PUSHING TO GET TRILATERAL AMENDMENT APPROVED BY BG,BUT AEC/DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, IN LIGHT FOREGOING, WE MAY RUN INTO DIFFICULTY.

4. MISSION BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY PRETORIA WERE TO FOLLOW UP IN LOW KEY WITH SAG AS APPROPRIATE JUST TO BE SURE THAT SAG IS AWARE OF NEED FOR URGENT ADVUCE TO SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY VIENNA RE TEXT OF TRILATERAL AMENDMENT.

5. INCIDENTALLY, AGENCY HAS INFORMED MISSION THAT THEY HAVE NO RPT NO PROBLEM WITH TEXT. PORTER

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